enforce the security. The institutions are also invoking the unconditional/ irrevocable guarantees from the private promoters for recovery of the loan.

Use of foreign cigarette brand names by ITC, Ltd.

1965. SHRI J.S. RAJU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several M.Ps have brought to the notice of Reserve Bank of India about violation of Section 28 of FERA against cigarette division of M/s. ITC Limited, Calcutta for using foreign brand names for their various brands of cigarettes in the country without the approval of the RBI;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) A complaint regarding the use of foreign brand names by M/s. ITC Ltd. was received from an M.P. by the R.B.I., who informed the Hon'ble M.P. that this did not amount to violation of FERA.

Foreigners to invest directly in Indian Securities market

1966. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Presidents of all the stock exchanges have urged Government to allow foreigners to invest directly in the Indian securities market;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It has been announced in the Budget Speech for 1992-93 that Government will consider ways of allowing reputable foreign investors, such as pension funds, to invest in the Indian Capital markets, with suitable mechanisms to ensure that this does not threaten loss of management control.

Karnataka's proposal on interest on small savings

1967. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Karnataka has written to the Central Government to increase the rate of interest on small saving schemes;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and suggestion so made; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto and what decision had been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chief Minister, Karnataka had sought for increase in the rates of interest on small savings instruments consequent on the increase in rates of interest on banks deposits.

(c) Last year the rates of interest were revised upwards in respect of Post Office Time Deposit (1 year, 2 year, 3 year and 5 year), Post Office Recurring Deposit (5 year) and Kisan Vikas Patra. Further changes in interest rates have been recommended by a high level Committee whose report is under examination.

Effect of foreign loan and liberalisation on Indian economy

1968. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) What is the total borrowings from I.M.F., World Bank and other international agencies in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are going to bring tight monetary policy in the light of the heavy loan components;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India's economic growth prospect of 1992-93 is very grim; and